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Change of Command at Northshore!

It was an emotional night for the Northshore squadron as the formal change of command took place in November 2004.

Maj Karen Walter, Northshore Commander presided over the ceremony with the Northshore Color Guard presenting the squadron flag as the rest of the squadron stood at attention.

The crowd of friends and parents erupted in applause when C/2Lt Daniel Rice was officially introduced as the new cadet commander.

"Cadet 2Lt Matthew Wyer did a commendable job of leading the squadron during a challenging year and now it is time for Cadet Rice to take the reigns" com-



New Cadet Commander Rice ready to accept command. From L-R; Cadet's Rice, Warren, Wyer and Northshore Commander, Maj Karen Walter.

mented Maj Walter.

New cadet commander Rice takes over a squadron that is growing and has a lot of potential.

Maj Walter added, "The Cadet Commander's role is a very important leadership position. The expectation is for them to learn, and in turn teach other Cadets valuable leadership lessons. This platform also provides significant leadership experiences which they will hopefully carry with them into adulthood and into the community, State and Nation."

Congratulations to the new cadet commander **C/2Lt Daniel Rice** and a well deserved "THANK-YOU" to former commander C/2Lt Matthew Wyer for a job well done.
SM Jensen

Things to look for in the next issue of CAPtions

- * Home Sweet Home...FEMA
- * Northshore Marksmanship Encampment
- * Shelter Building ES Camp on January 15th
- * Update on Sergeant Jerry DeFelice in Iraq

Cadets Learn Teamwork at CBTC

This year's CBTC (Cadet Basic Training Camp) was again held at Camp Killoqua and it was a success. Cadet Cyle Schultz puts into words how important Teamwork was to its success...

"Cadet Basic Training Camp (CBTC) is dependent on Teamwork. There was a lot of drill, so if everyone didn't cooperate and learn together, the whole flight would become uncoordinated. If someone was studying and had trouble understanding something or wanted to be quizzed on memory work, they would ask a fellow cadet and he or she would help. When a cadet would become tired when running,

other cadets would shout encouraging words or run with them to help. At CBTC, everyone worked together and the activity was a success".

Cadet Molly Heath reviews her experiences.... "CBTC is an amazing camp that offers many opportunities to learn and grow. At CBTC I learned how to be a follower as well as a leader. I gained a better understanding of why military discipline is used and enforced. What I learned should help me in my role in Civil Air Patrol. (see pg. 3)



Cadet Briant Teaching a class at CBTC

"Plane Down"...SAR Ground Team is on the move



The phone rang on the cold evening of 19 October. I picked up the phone - an excited voice met me. It was my friend and fellow Ground Team member, c/CMSgt Joshua Boyce. He spoke in a heightened tone and I immediately knew this was not going to be your ordinary evening - a plane was down in Eastern Washington and Mission Base was opening at 0700 the next morning.

I quickly rushed to grab my gear - I knew the next few days were going to be very long. I quickly called the rest of our team, and we organized to meet at 2nd Lt. Christopher Bruner's house for the evening. Luckily, all of my gear was already organized. One week before, Mt. St Helens had threatened to erupt again and we had been on standby. It felt good to finally get called out.



That evening we spent preparing all of our gear and making sure we knew exactly where we were going. We set out at about 0630, making the long drive all the way over

the mountains to Bowers Field, Ellensburg, WA.

We arrived at Mission Base at 0830, signed in and immediately started filling posts around mission base. I was initially assigned to provide security for the Incident Command Station. That evening, we went out on a sortie to see if we could pick up on the downed plane's ELT signal.

The pilot's family arrived at Mission Base and made sure to thank us for our effort.

In the end - we spent 5 days out on the search, filling many essential roles, such as running communication, providing security, and of course, going out on sorties as a Ground Team.

Even though the plane was never found, the search was a very fulfilling event and I'm honored to have gone on it. I forged new friendships, and rekindled old ones. It was an experience I will never forget and I look forward to the next one.

c/MSgt Jensen



The Czechoslovakian-made 1981 L-39 jet fighter trainer was painted to look like an Air Force "Thunderbird" jet.

(Compiled from the Associated Press)

According to Tom Peterson, WSDOT Air Search and Rescue Coordinator, rescue teams from WSDOT, Washington Air S&R, the Civil Air Patrol, King County, Kittitas County, Chelan County, and Snohomish County have participated in the search by air and ground. The search effort included two helicopters, 12 fixed winged aircraft, and about 100 S&R personnel per day.

ES Ropes Course leaves Cadets wanting more

The Ground Search and Rescue portion of Emergency Services is a focus of our squadron lately. The goal is get many cadets Ground Team certified. This is a difficult and sometimes daunting task. In order for a cadet to earn the rank of Ground Team member, they must learn, understand, and demonstrate a series of skills that proves you will be an asset in the field.

That's exactly why in early November, we had our first of hopefully many classes on Ground Team qualifications. This class focused on ropes safety, general first aid, and line searching techniques.

The class met early on a cloudy November morning and started with line searching. With the assistance of my close friend

and associate, c/CMSgt Joshua Boyce (Seattle Squadron), the training session pressed on to basic rope safety, and first-aid. A test scenario was conducted at the end of the course assessing the cadet's knowledge of what they had learned throughout the day.

Overall, the class was a success. It was a great honor for me to teach a class like this.

If you enjoyed this class, or missed it and would like to attend another one like it, keep an eye out for the ES class we are having in late January and sign up. c/MSgt Jensen



Cadet Josh Boyce also demonstrates proper repelling technique to the class



Cadet Briant testing out a rope before demonstrating repelling techniques

CBTC Teamwork (cont.)

We got there at about 7:45AM, the staff gave us our SOPs and we memorized that for 45 minutes. Then we picked up our stuff and went to our barracks. After that we went down to the field and started practicing drills and flight movements and I learned that the purpose of that is teamwork. This lasted about half the time. After drilling in the drizzly weather, we went inside and listened to speeches about all the opportunities that you can have in CAP, they also taught us how to wear our uniform properly, customs and courtesies, the four missions of CAP, and the history of CAP. Then we alternated between more classes and more drilling. Next was dinner. Later, we took a short hike to a



Cadets and staff pose for a picture during their busy schedule at CBTC

fire pit and had motivational speeches from NCO's which really inspired me to set high goals for myself. We went back to our barracks to have study time for the test the next day. It had been such a long day! Then next day we woke up really early. Then we studied our SOPs and had PT, then we took the drill test and our written test. The staff posted the names of the people who passed. The cadets that passed were called up by Major Walter and 2nd Lieutenant Wyer. They gave us our certificates for passing the camp. Camp was a good experience and I learned so much from it, I would recommend it to any new cadets that have not gone.

Cadets Schultz and Heath

Color Guard Presents at McChord's Command Chief's Retirement

The Northshore Color Guard was specifically requested by retiring 446th Airlift Wing, Chief Master Sergeant, Jack M. Parkhurst to present the colors during his retirement ceremonies held in November at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, WA



Master Chief Parkhurst was the Command Chief for this wing and as such was the highest ranking enlisted man in the 446th. He said that he has a warm place in his heart for CAP and that is why he wanted our Color Guard to present on his special day.

We arrived at a hanger on McChord AFB at 10:00 AM to find many people getting the facility ready for the retire-

ment event. The first thing that hit us was the cold, brrrrrrrr, this was a hanger after all. They said they had cranked up the heat and we wanted to say, what are you kidding?



Once the stage was setup, the Color Guard team started to practice while the ground crew moved a giant C-17 engine behind the stage as a backdrop. The engine was appropriate as it defined Chief Parkhurst's career as an airplane mechanic.

The event went off without a hitch as the team presented the colors and retrieved them in front of 250 people including Generals, Colonels and many other Air Force personnel. We were very proud of our team 1Lt Jensen

Three of Northshore's Finest Receive Mitchell Award



The Billy Mitchell Award signifies that a CAP cadet has become an officer. It is earned after completing the first eight achievements of the cadet program. In addition, the cadet must pass an arduous 100 question exam on leadership theory and aerospace. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, over 42,000 cadets have earned this honor.

This is a big deal for the Northshore squadron as there were no current cadet officers in the squadron until these recent awards.

C/2Lt Matthew Wyer received his Mitchell award in September while **C/2Lt Daniel Rice** and **C/2Lt Nathan Billing** received theirs at a squadron meeting in October.

Congratulations to these cadets, we are very proud!

These cadets will be attending the Pacific Region Cadet Leadership School to be held at the end of December at McChord AFB and Camp Murray.

Cadets who receive the Mitchell Award are also eligible for advanced placement in the grade of E-3 (Airman First Class) should they choose to enter the US Air Force. They are also eligible for advanced credit in AFROTC. They may also apply for a variety of scholarships and CAP special activities.

SM Jensen



Cadet Commander Rice poses with Maj Walter and his proud parents

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<http://northshore.wawg.cap.gov>

Soldier Talks with Cadets Before Deployment

Army Reserve Sergeant, Jerry DeFelece came and spoke to cadets at the Northshore Squadron in November, a few days before being deployed to Iraq.

Sergeant DeFelece spoke about his career path from his time with the Explorer Scouts in New York to the Coast Guard as a Rescue Swimmer for 11 years. He also spoke about his venture into the business world and ultimately his role as a Counterintelligence Special Agent for the Army.

"It is all about who you associate with", was one of his messages to the cadets advising, "Choose good people to be around". He also spoke about not being afraid to change course mid-stream, "Life can be like a guided missile, it requires constant course corrections".

Jerry is currently training in Kuwait awaiting his next move into Iraq in mid-January, the actual date is classified. His last email said, "Kuwait is nothing but SAND"! Jerry would be happy to keep in touch with the cadets as most of his family has passed away. He was moved by the interest shown by the cadets.

CAPTions will keep up with Jerry's adventures and stories from the war zone. In the meantime, if you would like to contact him, his email is jerrydefelice@hotmail.com or jerry.defelice@us.army.mil

SM Jensen



Promotions

NOVEMBER 2004

- C/MSGT JENSEN
- C/TSGT STREET
- C/MSGT BILLING
- C/2ND BILLING
- C/A1C GAUTHIER
- C/CMSGT YANG

RECRUITING RIBBON

- C/MSGT JENSEN
- C/MSGT BRIANT
- C/SGT STREET
- C/A1C WARREN

RED SERVICE RIBBON

DECEMBER 2004

- C/AMN GAUTHIER
 - C/AMN HEATH
 - C/CMST WILLIAMS
- ### RECRUITING RIBBON
- C/SRA VAAGA



Picture of the Month: Cadet stands ready for SAR Mission in Ellensburg, WA (courtesy of C/Josh Boyce)

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